

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, September 21, 2005 – 2:00 p.m. – Room W015 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Sheldon L. Killpack, Senate Chair  
Rep. Joseph G. Murray, House Chair  
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins  
Sen. Ed Mayne  
Sen. Carlene M. Walker  
Rep. J. Stuart Adams  
Rep. Bradley M. Daw  
Rep. Brad L. Dee  
Rep. John Dougall  
Rep. James A. Dunnigan  
Rep. Julie Fisher  
Rep. Kerry W. Gibson  
Rep. Neil A. Hansen

Rep. Brad King  
Rep. Aaron Tilton  
Rep. Larry B. Wiley

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Jeff Alexander  
Rep. David Clark

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Mark B. Steinagel, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.leg.utah.gov](http://www.leg.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Murray called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hansen moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Adams and Rep. Dunnigan were absent for the vote.

**2. Hall's Crossing Marina Ferry**

Mr. John Njord, Executive Director, UDOT (Utah Department of Transportation), reported on the projected closing of the Lake Powell Ferry in December. He talked about the cost and the efforts being made to find a partnership that will enable the ferry to continue running.

Mr. Richard Flygare, Salt Lake County Council on Aging, asked for more detailed information regarding the costs of running the ferry.

**3. Draft Legislation "Uninsured Motorist Identification Database Program Amendments"**

Rep. Murray distributed and discussed draft legislation "Uninsured Motorist Identification Database Program Amendments."

Mr. Richard Kasteler, President, Insure-Rite, spoke in favor of the draft legislation and answered questions from the Committee.

Mr. Craig Moody, lobbyist representing AIG and Valic, commented on the need to further clarify the definition of "commercial motor vehicle insurance coverage" so there are no unintended consequences to commercial vehicle insurance policies.

Mr. Chris Purcell, State Farm, suggested that a fix-it-ticket may be something to consider when people without insurance are caught driving on a highway.

Mr. Michael Sonntag, lobbyist, American Insurance Association, commented that bimonthly reporting of uninsured motorists will not help to get them off the road.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jenkins moved to recommend draft legislation "Uninsured Motorist Identification Database Program Amendments," as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Dougall and Rep. King were absent for the vote.

#### **4. UDOT Performance Measures**

Mr. Carlos Braceras, Deputy Director, UDOT, reported on UDOT's strategic goals and how UDOT is working towards meeting them.

#### **5. Written Prioritization Process and Guidelines for Local Match Rules Reviews**

##### **A. Guidelines for Local Match Rules Review**

Mr. Glen Brown, Chair, Transportation Commission, commented on rules for partnering with counties to finance highway improvement projects and responded to questions from the Committee.

Mr. Braceras discussed the draft rule contained in the supplemental mailing packet.

Committee discussion followed.

##### **B. Written Prioritization Process Rules Review**

Mr. Brown commented on the draft rule for prioritization of new transportation capacity projects contained in the mailing packet.

Mr. Braceras discussed technical edits to be made to the draft and responded to questions from the Committee. He also distributed and reviewed "UDOT Project Prioritization Decision Support System."

Mr. Lincoln Shurtz, Policy Analyst, Utah League of Cities and Towns, commented on some concerns with interchange participation by local governments which the League would like to have considered before it supports the proposed rule.

#### **6. Alternate Financing and Role of Public-Private Partnerships**

This item was not discussed.

#### **7. Other Items / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Tilton moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Jenkins, Sen. Killpack, Sen. Mayne, Sen. Walker, Rep. Adams, Rep. Dunnigan, Rep. Fisher, and Rep. Gibson were absent for the vote.

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Chair Murray adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.